

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A recording/reproducing apparatus (100) for recording a received signal as digital data in a file format and for reproducing the digital data stored in the file format is disclosed. A control means (101) carries out such a control in the recording mode that the digital data continuously received and stored in a buffer memory (150) is stored in a storage means (160) at a writing speed which is higher than a speed at which the digital data was stored in the buffer memory (150), while being divided into files in response to a division command from a manual input means (110). The control means (101) further carries out such a control in a reproducing mode that the digital data is read from the storage means (160) into the buffer memory (150) at a reading speed which is higher than a speed at which the digital data is outputted from the buffer memory (150) to the outside to thereby allow the plurality of files of digital data stored in the storage means (160) to be outputted to the outside as digital data in a continuous format. With this arrangement, it becomes possible to achieve compatibility among different types of apparatuses, to provide arbitrary search positions while a continuous recording is being made and to reproduce a plurality of files of digital data in a continuous manner.